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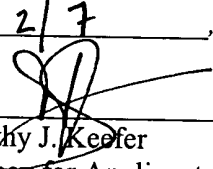
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of Scott BARHAM et al )  
Serial No.: 09/701,160 )  
Filed: November 17, 2000 )  
DEXTRAN STARCH AND FLOCCULANT  
COMBINATION FOR IMPROVING RED MUD  
CLARIFICATION  
Attorney Docket: TJK/135  
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**RESPONSE TO FINAL ACTION**

Box AF  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This is in reply to the Official Action mailed August 7, 2002 in connection with the above-designated application. A response to the Office Action was initially due November 7, 2002. This response is accompanied by a petition, in duplicate, for a three-month extension of the term for response. The new term for response is set to expire February 7, 2003.

**REMARKS**